GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1150
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CONSTRUCTION OF BASEMENT UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of basement for the housing programmes is permissible under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);

(b) if so, whether the Government has received proposals from various States in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): No, Sir. Housing related construction activities are not permissible under the existing provisions of NREGA.

(b)&(c):A proposal had been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for land leveling and construction of basement under housing programme for weaker sections in Andhra Pradesh by dovetailing NREGA funds.

(d): The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been agreed to as construction work of basement for housing is not covered under Schedule I of the Act.